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POSTS FOR DEA; PARIS DEA FOR RIU; FRANKFURT FOR BKA  
LIAISON; WASHDC HQS. FOR ENOM/IG FROM SAIC CASH;  
AMEMBASSY SOFIA FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: GFXA-75-8007 (GERMANY)

1. AT THE 31ST MEETING OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP  
ON NARCOTICS (2/16/77 - 2/17/77), CHAIRED BY THE WEST  
GERMAN FEDERAL POLICE, BKA, IN WIESBADEN, GERMANY,

POLICE OFFICIALS OBSERVED THAT A "HEROIN WAVE" HAD  
DEVELOPED IN GERMANY DURING 1976. IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
FINDING, BKA NOTED WITH CONCERN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS  
CONTRIBUTED TO MISUSE OF NARCOTICS, PRIMARILY HEROIN,  
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DURING 1976, AND GAVE A FINAL FIGURE OF 325 DEATHS  
ATTRIBUTED TO NARCOTICS. (FOR THE SAME YEAR, BY COMPARI-  
SON, FRANCE REPORTED 59 OVERDOSE DEATHS UP FROM 37 IN  
1975.)

2. FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS FOR NARCOTIC-RELATED DEATHS  
WERE CITED:

1972 - 104

1973 - 104

1974 - 139

1975 - 188

1976 - 325

BJA NOTED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS WERE IN THE  
18 TO 25 YEAR AGE RANGE.

3. AVAILABILITY OF A HEROIN SUPPLY, READILY PRESENT  
IN THE NEIGHBORING NETHERLANDS, WAS CITED AS AN ATTRI-  
BUTING FACTOR TO THE GERMAN PROBLEM. IN THE 1976  
REPORTING YEAR, 1,207 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED ON THE  
BORDERS OF GERMANY IN POSSESSION OF HEROIN AS COMPARED  
TO 645 ARRESTS IN 1975. THIS, SAY GERMAN POLICE, NOT  
ONLY INDICATED A HIGHER SUPPLY AVAILABILITY, BUT  
ALSO INDICATED THAT IN GERMANY HEROIN DEALING WAS LESS,  
AS A RESULT OF A VIRTUAL "ANT ARMY" OF USERS TRAVELLING  
BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY FOR THEIR HEROIN  
SUPPLY.

4. FIVE-YEAR HEROIN SEIZURE STATISTICS WERE REVIEWED  
AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE IMPACT OF HEROIN IN GERMANY  
DURING 1976, I.E.:

1972 - 3.7 KILOS

1973 - 15.4 KILOS

1974 - 33.0 KILOS

1975 - 30.9 KILOS

1976 -167.0 KILOS

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5. CANNABIS PRODUCTS, PRIMARILY HASHISH, WERE IDENTI-  
FIED AS THE MAJOR DRUG OF ABUSE IN GERMANY. SOURCE

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COUNTRIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, LEBANON, TURKEY AND MOROCCO. MARIJUANA SOURCE COUNTRIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS GHANA AND NIGERIA. BKA NOTED A DECLINE IN LARGE CANNABIS SEIZURES SINCE 1974, NOTING THAT SMUGGLERS CHANGED THEIR METHODS WHEN THE INCREASED ENFORCEMENT EFFORT BECAME EFFECTIVE ON A PARTICULAR MEANS OF SMUGGLING. ADDITIONALLY, GERMAN AUTHORITIES CREDITED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS LESSENING THE GERMAN SUPPLY.

6. SPECIFICALLY CITED WERE BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. BKA STATED THAT IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1976, IN 61 CASES YUGOSLAVIAN AUTHORITIES SEIZRED 2,900 KILOS OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS BOUND FOR GERMANY, WHILE IN BULGARIA DURING THE SAME PERIOD, IN 37 CASES 4,284 KILOS WERE SEIZED, ALSO ALLEGEDLY BOUND FOR GERMANY. IN FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES IN 1976, 1,100 GERMAN CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED WITH THE FOLLOWING TOTAL AMOUNTS OF DRUGS SEIZED IN THEIR POSSESSION:

HEROIN - 5 KILOS

OPIUM - 40 KILOS

CANNABIS - 2,332 KILOS

7. NARCOTIC ARRESTS FOR 1976 TOTALED 31,363 VS. 27,777 FOR 1975, CONSTITUTING AN INCREASE OF 12,9 PERCENT. 81.9 PERCENT OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE GERMAN NATIONALS. FOREIGNERS, AND THOSE WITHOUT STATEHOOD, ACCOUNTED TO 17 PERCENT OF THOSE ARRESTED, A DECREASE FROM 1975 FIGURES E.G. 19.2 PERCENT.

8. BROKEN OUT AS A SEPARATE CLASS WERE NATIONALS OF  
MILITARY FORCES STATIONED IN GERMANY. ARRESTS OF  
MILITARY FORCES PERSONNEL IN NARCOTIC INVE-  
STIGATIONS TOTALLED 2,256 OR 7.2 PERCENT OF TOTAL  
ARRESTS. THIS IS A DECREASE IN THIS CLASS, AS IN 1975  
ARRESTS TOTALED 2,387 OR 8.6 PERCENT.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON CONTROLLED DRUGS MISUSE AND  
FURTHER DATA ON TYPE AND CLASS OF OFFENDERS FOLLOWS  
BY DEA-6.

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